Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 24 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020 at 03:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Wednesday 23 Dec 2020: Dry with sunny spells, patchy cloud in far north. Strengthening cold northeast winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 23 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	10%	10%	10%	<05%

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Weather: A dry day with some bright or sunny spells. High cloud in the morning will mean that sun will be hazy and diffuse, especially in the south, but this cloud will thin from the north to allow some sunny spells to become stronger. However the Nevis Range may see some patchy cloud especially the northern aspects. The evening will stay dry.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% or more, just the chance of patchy cloud on the tops in the Ben Nevis area

Visibility: Very good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/21 NE	23/28 NE	27/34 NE	27/35 NE	29/37 NE	26/32 N	28/35 NW
900	13/16 NE	16/22 NE	19/26 NE	20/28 NE	19/26 N	15/21 N	17/24 NW
600	14/17 NE	17/21 NE	21/27 NE	22/28 NE	20/26 NE	10/15 NW	13/19 NW
300	7/10 NE	9/12 N	10/16 N	10/17 N	8/13 N	6/10 NW	7/12 NW
Glen	4/10 NE	5/11 NE	3/10 N	6/15 N	7/15 N	6/11 NW	6/13 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-9	-4/-12	-5/-13	-5/-14	-6/-16	-7/-16	-6/-15
900	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11
600	1/-4	1/-5	0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-7	-2/-6	-2/-7
300	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	1/-3	-0/-3	-0/-4
Glen	3/1	3/0	4/2	4/1	2/-1	1/-1	2/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	500m	500m	300m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures as temperatures fall and winds rise.

Forecast for Thursday 24 Dec 2020
Weather: Perhaps a light snow shower or two overnight and early in the morning then dry with some long sunny spells developing.

Maximum wind: North to northwest 35 gusts 45mph easing 15mph in the evening. Severe wind chill until later.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% overnight and early in day, with patchy cloud on tops in showers then 95% or more.

Visibility: Briefly moderate to poor in any snow showers at first then very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to Plus 4 briefly during the day
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels rising to 300m briefly during the day

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